



DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Research Track Assessment for American Plaice

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS will convene the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting for the purpose of reviewing American plaice. The Research Track Assessment Peer Review is a formal scientific peer-review process for evaluating and presenting stock assessment results to managers for fish stocks in the offshore U.S. waters of the northwest Atlantic. Assessments are prepared by the research track working group and reviewed by an independent panel of stock assessment experts from the Center of Independent Experts (CIE). The public is invited to attend the presentations and discussions between the review panel and the scientists who have participated in the stock assessment process.

DATES: The public portion of the Research Track Assessment Peer Review Meeting will be held from July 18, 2022 – July 21, 2022. The meeting will conclude on July 21, 2022 at 12 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Please see **SUPPLEMENTARY**

INFORMATION for the daily meeting agenda.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held via WebEx.

Link: <https://noaanmfs-meets.webex.com/noaanmfs-meets/j.php?MTID=mf97d5121d96d26f36e88243f0dd9e013>.

Meeting number (access code): 2763 669 5649.

Meeting password: mP4vVXESd74.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Michele Traver, phone: 508-257-

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: For further information, please visit the

Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) website at

[https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic)

[assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/fishery-stock-assessments-new-england-and-mid-atlantic). For additional

information about research track stock assessments, please visit the NEFSC webpage at

[https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments)

[assessments/research-track-stock-assessments](https://www.fisheries.noaa.gov/new-england-mid-atlantic/population-assessments/research-track-stock-assessments).

Daily Meeting Agenda – Research Track Peer Review Meeting

The agenda is subject to change; all times are approximate and may be changed at the discretion of the Peer Review Chair.

Monday, July 18, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
7 a.m. - 7:15 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics Introductions/Agenda/ Conduct of Meeting	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Russ Brown, PopDy Branch Chief Yong Chen, Panel Chair	
7:15 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.	Introduction and Overview	Steve Cadrin	
7:45 a.m. - 8:45 a.m.	Term of Reference (TOR) #1	Lisa Kerr and Jamie Behan	Environmental Effects
8:45 a.m. - 9 a.m.	Break		
9 a.m. - 11 a.m.	TOR #2	Steve Cadrin	Fishery Data
11 a.m. – 11:15 a.m.	Break		
11:15 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.	TOR #3	Paul Nitschke and Alex Hansell	Survey Data
12:15 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
12:45 p.m.	Adjourn		

Tuesday, July 19, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
7 a.m. - 7:05 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Yong Chen, Panel Chair	
7:05 a.m. - 8 a.m.	TOR #3 cont.	Paul Nitschke and Alex Hansell	Survey Data
8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m.	TOR #4	Amanda Hart, Tim Miller, Steve Cadrin, Dan Hennen, and Alex Hansell	Assessment Models
9:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.	Break		
9:45 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.	TOR #4 cont.	Amanda Hart, Tim Miller, Steve Cadrin, Dan Hennen, and Alex Hansell	Assessment Models
11:45 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Break		
12 p.m. - 12:30 p.m.	TOR #4 cont.	Amanda Hart, Tim Miller, Steve Cadrin, Dan Hennen, and Alex Hansell	Assessment Models
12:30 p.m. - 12:45 p.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
12:45 p.m. - 1 p.m.	Public Comment	Public	
1 p.m.	Adjourn		

Wednesday, July 20, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
7 a.m. - 7:05 a.m.	Welcome/Logistics	Michele Traver, Assessment Process Lead Yong Chen, Panel Chair	
7:05 a.m. - 8 a.m.	TORs #5 and #6	Steve Cadrin Paul Nitschke and Jamie Cournane	Reference Points Projections
8 a.m. - 9 a.m.	TOR #7	Steve Cadrin	Alternative Assessment Approach
9 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.	Break		
9:15 a.m. - 10:45 a.m.	TOR #8 and Near Term Plans	Steve Cadrin	Research Recommendations
10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m.	Break		
11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.	Discussion/Summary	Review Panel	
11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.	Public Comment	Public	

11:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Key Points/Follow ups/Panel Wrap Ups	Review Panel	
12 p.m.	Adjourn		

Thursday, July 21, 2022

Time	Topic	Presenter(s)	Notes
7 a.m. - 12 p.m.	Report Writing	Review Panel	

The meeting is open to the public; however, during the ‘Report Writing’ session on Thursday, July 21st, the public should not engage in discussion with the Peer Review Panel.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Special requests should be directed to Michele Traver, via email.

Dated: July 13, 2022.

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